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FOR THE YEAR 1965

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1965.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the health of the Rural District of Bromsgrove during the year ended 31st December, 1965.

The general health of the District remained most satisfactory. There was again an increase in the number of births and a decrease in the number of deaths. Measles accounted for the majority of notifications of infectious diseases. One case of dysentery was notified. There was no case of food poisoning.

Immunisation of children against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis continued at a satisfactory level. It is hoped that measles vaccine will also become generally available in the near future.

The total of registered cases of tuberculosis continued to decline.

The population increased by 1970. Of this 482 was by natural increase, the remaining 1488 being by migration into the district. The latter figure represents some 438 families.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work done by the Public Health Inspectors and the assistance of the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and Officers of other departments.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.H. PHILLIPS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres 45,610	
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	Mid 1965 - 40,990
	Mid 1964 - 39,020
	Mid 1947 - 25,230
	Mid 1937 - 19,620
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	End of 1965 - 12,057
	End of 1964 - 11,963
	End of 1963 - 11,428
	End of 1962 - 11,082
	End of 1947 - 7,798
	End of 1937 - 6,645
Rateable Value 31st March 1965	£1,368,385
Sum represented by a Penny Rate at 31st March 1965	£5,800

POPULATION BY PARISHES

	Estimated 1939	Estimated 1965
Alvechurch	3,236	6,700
Belbroughton	2,676	2,790
Bentley Pauncefoot	344	300
Beoley	770	1,040
Clent	1,943	2,400
Cofton Hackett	3,736	5,100
Dodford-with-Grafton	513	650
Frankley	184	150
Hagley	2,233	5,300
Hunnington	543	650
Romsley	1,070	1,700
Stoke Prior	2,130	2,910
Tutnall & Cobley	697	860
Wythall	4,482	10,440
	24,557	40,990

Average per house 3. 39

VITAL STATISTICS

(1964 figures in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	M		F		Total	
Legitimate	418	(345)	372	(386)	790	(731)
Illegitimate	18	(15)	14	(10)	32	(25)
	436	(360)	386	(396)	822	(756)

Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population)

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1937	1965 - Eng.Wales	
Crude	20.05	19.37	20.15	19.75	14.1	18.1	(18.4)
Comparability Factor	0.90	0.90	0.91	0.97			
Standardised	18.04	17.43	18.33	19.15			

Illegitimacy Rate (Total live illegitimate births per hundred total Live Births)

1965	1964	1963	1962	1937
3.89	3.30	3.35	4.07	3.20

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	4	10	14 (10)
Illegitimate	-	1	1 (-)
	4	11	15 (10)

Still Birth Rate (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births)

1965	1964	1963	1962	1937	1965 - Eng.Wales	
17.92	12.72	15.8	16.5	38.1	15.7	(16.3)

DEATHS

M.	F.	Total
185 (179)	155 (170)	340 (349)

Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 population)

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1937	1965 - Eng. Wales
Crude	8.29	8.94	10.04	9.98	11.1	11.5 (11.3)
Comparability Factor	1.21	1.22	1.22	1.24		
Standardised	10.03	10.90	12.24	12.37		

Major Causes of Deaths (Percentages of Total Deaths)

	1965	1964	1963	1962
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	51.5%	47.0%	47.2%	50.5%
2. Malignant Diseases	17.9%	20.3%	19.9%	17.2%
3. Respiratory Diseases (excluding T.B.)	11.8%	10.6%	15.3%	11.7%
4. Violent and Accidental Deaths	6.8%	7.4%	5.9%	3.9%

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births)

1965	1964	1963	1962	1937	1965 - Eng. Wales
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	0.25 (0.25)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS

Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	8	3	11 (18)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (2)
	8	3	11 (20)

Neonatal Deaths (under 4 weeks of age)

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	5	3	8 (13)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
	5	3	8 (13)

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

Legitimate	4	3	7 (11)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
	4	3	7 (11)

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1965 - Eng. Wales
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	13.92	24.62	12.48	20.49	-
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	80.00	40.00	-	-
Deaths of infants under 4 wks. of age per 1,000 total live births	9.73	17.19	8.04	15.45	13.0
Deaths of infants under 1 yr. of age per 1,000 total live births	13.38	26.45	13.40	19.66	19.0
Still births & deaths under 1 wk. combined per 1,000 total live & still births	26.28	27.41	22.42	29.00	

Causes of Infant Deaths

Congenital Malformation	5.
Prematurity	3.
Respiratory Disease	1.
Other Causes	2.

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT

1965

Causes of Death	M.	F.	Total	Mortality Rate per 1,000 pop
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	1	-	1	.02
2. Tuberculosis other	1	-	1	.02
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1	.02
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	5	9	.22
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung & bronchus	12	1	13	.32
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	12	12	.29
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	.02
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	13	12	25	.61
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-	1	.02
16. Diabetes	1	-	1	.02
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	26	23	49	1.19
18. Coronary Disease, angina	38	22	60	1.44
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	7	9	.22
20. Other heart disease	18	20	38	.93
21. Other circulatory disease	11	8	19	.46
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	10	14	24	.52
24. Bronchitis	12	2	14	.34
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2	.05
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	-	3	.07
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2	.05
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	3	4	.10
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	.02
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	4	2	6	.15
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	10	21	.51
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	5	8	.20
34. All other accidents	8	3	11	.27
35. Suicide	1	3	4	.10
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	185	155	340	8.29

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the antenatal, child welfare school health, dental and specialist clinics, where much valuable work is done towards the preservation of the health of the community and the prevention of disease.

The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Services, provided by the County Council, supported by the services managed by the W.V.S., and the British Red Cross, continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help.

(a) Hospital Services

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district:-

Infectious Disease	Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen Little Bromwich Fever Hospital, Birmingham
Tuberculosis	Knightwick Sanatorium Hayley Green Sanatorium, Halesowen
Maternity	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge Lucy Baldwins Maternity Hospital, Stourport The Birmingham Maternity Hospital, Birmingham
Children's Diseases	Children's Hospital, Birmingham
Venereal Disease	General Hospital, Birmingham Royal Infirmary, Worcester
Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove Powick Mental Hospital, Malvern
Chest Surgery	Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove
General	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Bromsgrove Cottage Hospital Smallwood Hospital, Redditch
Aged Chronic Sick	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove

(b) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Infirmary, Worcester. Chemical analysis of water and miscellaneous specimens was carried out by the County Laboratory at Worcester. I am indebted to the Directors of these laboratories for their ready assistance and co-operation.

(c) Ambulance Service

This is provided by the County Council and the Rural District is served from depots at Bromsgrove and Redditch.

(d) Health Education

The Council contributes to the Central Council for Health Education. Health education is carried out mainly by the County Council.

(e) Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels services were continued in the Hagley and Wythall areas through the agency of the W.V.S. The total of meals delivered was as follows:

Hagley	755
Wythall	832

1. Sanitary Inspections of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector in his report gives details of the Sanitary Inspections carried out during the year.

2. Water Supply

The whole supply of main water in the District is now the responsibility of various statutory water undertakings.

Most of the houses in the district were supplied with main piped water supplies which were satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were still, however, many dwellings and farm premises with only well water supplies. These well supplies were to a large extent unsatisfactory and householders were advised to boil the water before use.

Routine sampling of drinking water from private wells, springs and boreholes for bactertiological and chemical analysis was continued during the year. The results were very poor; 74% were bacteriologically unsatisfactory while 37.5% were chemically unsatisfactory.

Sampling at source of main supplies was done by the Water Undertakings.

During the year the following extensions of mains were effected:-

The City of Birmingham Water Department	1,225 yards
East Worcestershire Waterworks Company	6,037 yards
The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	1,583 yards
North West Worcestershire Water Board	712 yards

The following was the position with regard to the schemes for water main extensions:-

Alvechurch

Lea End	In abeyance
Ash Lane	Application made to Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval and grant aid.

Belbroughton

The Nutnalls	Work completed.

Bentley Pauncefoot

Coxian and Holyoakes Cottages	Awaiting East Worcestershire Waterworks Company to proceed. Guarantee agreement executed.

Beoley

Hob Hill/Lilley Green Area	Work Completed
Chapel Green	Work Completed
Moss Lane Close	East Worcestershire Waterworks Company requested to proceed. Guarantee agreement executed.

Romsley

St. Kenelm's Road (Extension to Kenelmstowe)	Work Completed

Stoke Prior

Finch End & Finstall Park Farm	In abeyance

3. Drainage and Sewerage

The following are the sewage disposal works situated in the District:-

Alvechurch
Clent
Belbroughton
Hagley
Hunnington
Finstall
Stoke Prior
Wythall
Lye Bridge
Hossill Lane
Weybridge
Sweetpool Lane
Illey Lane
Pumping Station to Bromsgrove U.D.C.
Henbrook Disposal Works, Shaw Lane
Houndsfield Lane

Apart from schemes which have been previously considered and are at present in abeyance, the general position with regard to schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

Alvechurch

Village area	Work almost completed
Lye Bridge Extension	Tender approved by Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Contract prepared and work will commence shortly.

Belbroughton

Fairfield) Stoneybridge Extension)	Approved in principle by Ministry of Housing and Local Government but in abeyance for time being as Ministry will not permit execution of Bournheath sewerage scheme owing to current restrictions on capital expenditure.

Beoley

Holt End	Necessary land acquired. Scheme, including the type of "package" plant proposed, approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government but execution deferred owing to restrictions on capital expenditure.

Clent and Hagley	
Re-siting of sludge disposal installation (from Hagley to Hossill Lane, Clent)	Ministerial Inquiry into engineering details of this scheme and to hear objections to confirmation of compulsory purchase will be held in near future.
Frankley	
M.5 service area	In hand.
Hunnington	
Illey Lane works re-construction and extension. Storm overflow provision in Halesowen/Bromsgrove Road.	Scheme completed in detail ready for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government but deferred pending receipt of Village Map of Romsley when amendment may be necessary. Possibility of installing spray equipment as a temporary expedient is being investigated.
Romsley	
Dark Lane	Completed.
Stoke Prior	
Henbrook works extension	Amended scheme prepared and ready for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. It is intended to hold discussions with Severn River Authority as to the stringency of conditions to be attached to consent of discharge. Spray irrigation equipment has been installed to alleviate matters.
Wythall	
Inkford and Tanners Green area	Engineers instructed to hold in abeyance pending information as to the intention of the new Upper Tame Drainage Board relative disposal.
Shawbrook area	No action taken pending progress with Houndsfield Works extension scheme. Will now have to be agreed with new Upper Tame Drainage Board.
Houndsfield Lane works reconstruction and extension	Original scheme approved by Ministry of Housing and Local Government inadequate due to anticipated development. Amended scheme submitted to Ministry who have approved in principle and details will be submitted shortly. Formalities with regard to acquisition of additional land will be completed in very near future. This works and therefore this scheme, will be taken over by the new Upper Tame Drainage Board.

Pail Emptying

The pail emptying service was continued at weekly intervals in areas of the Parishes of Beoley, Stoke Prior and Wythall.

A total of 94 households were served.

4. Public Cleansing

This service is administered by the Surveyor's Department. Domestic refuse is collected weekly in the built up areas of Alvechurch and Barnt Green; Belbroughton and Fairfield; Holy Cross, Clent; Hagley; Hunnington and Wythall, and fortnightly in the remainder of the District. Cesspools are emptied free of charge three times a year.

SECTION D

HOUSING

As will be seen from figures under Section A of this report the population of the district was increased by 1970. At the end of the year there were 639 applicants on the Council's housing list compared with 552 at the end of 1964.

56 Council houses and flats were first let during the year while 404 were built by private enterprise.

Details of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts are included in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during the year and every effort was made to ensure clean and safe handling of foodstuffs. Further reference to the subject is made in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases 1965

DISEASE	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Diphtheria	-
Scarlet Fever	16
Measles	317
Whooping Cough	8
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Dysentery	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Erysipelas	1
Acute Pneumonia	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Malaria	-
Food Poisoning	-
TOTAL	343

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

Primary Immunisation

Under 7 years old	608 (663)
7 - 16 years old	9 (7)
	617 (670)
Re-inforcing (Booster) injections	731 (752)

Smallpox

No case of smallpox was reported.

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during 1965:-

Age at 31.12.65. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1965	1 1964	2 - 4 1961 - 1963	5 - 15 1950 - 1960	Total
Number vaccinated	40	298	97	1	436
Number revaccinated	-	-	2	3	5

Whooping Cough

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the Authority's area during the year ended 31.12.65:-

0 - 4 years	5 - 16 years	Total
574	5	579

Tuberculosis

Incidence & Mortality during 1965

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 & over	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

The District Health Department maintains a list of individuals resident within the District notified as suffering from tuberculosis. This was kept up to date by information received from the County Medical Officer of Health.

Five cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

The total number of registered cases was 136 (144) as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	63	65	128
Non-pulmonary	5	3	8
	68	68	136

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1965

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In submitting my report for the year 1965, it is a pleasure to state that is has been possible to comply with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 in as much as 100% inspection of meat slaughtered in your area has been carried out and I would comment on the high quality of the meat slaughtered in the five slaughterhouses operating in the District.

Again, progress has been made in the repair and reconditioning of sub-standard houses; 13 having been approved for Discretionary Grants and 44 for Standard Grants. To date work of improvement has been completed on 484 houses with the assistance of grants. Eleven demolition orders were made and 21 sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of formal and informal action, in addition to which 62 houses were repaired without recourse to formal action.

A total of 144 premises were registered under the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963. This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of people employed in offices, shops, etc., and a start was made in inspecting these premises to see that the Act is being complied with.

It is a matter of considerable concern to the Public Health Committee that it has not been possible to implement the Litter Act, and consequently much time and thought has been given to keeping the District tidy and as free from litter as our limited resources will allow.

I would gladly acknowledge the loyal support of my staff in carrying out the many and varied duties devolving on my Department, which have included the problems of noise and smoke abatement and I am grateful to the Chairman, Members of the Health Committee and the Chief Officers of the Council for their helpful co-operation at all times.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

PEARSON P. CHAMINGS.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

COMPLAINTS

A total of 181 complaints were received during the year 1965 all of which were investigated and appropriate action taken.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are the numbers and nature of Inspections made during the year:-

Houses inspected	882
Number of inspections and re-inspections of houses	2091
Inspections under Housing Regulations	-
Visits re complaints and nuisances	181
Visits re Meat Inspection	627
Visits re Notifiable Diseases	44
Milk and Dairies	2
Piggeries	88
Schools	7
Factories and Workshops	72
Outworkers' Premises	-
Tents 'Vans and Sheds	363
Water Supply	150
Works in Progress	366
Drainage	498
Shops etc. (re unfit food)	7
Visits to shops and food premises	373
Rodent Control	65
Canal Boats	-
Outside Interviews	672
Verminous Premises	-
Miscellaneous	325
Offices & Shops	23
Animal Boarding Establishments	31
Total number of informal notices served during the year	44

HOUSING

1. Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(i)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	882
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	2091
(ii)	(a)	Number of dwelling-housed (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(iii)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	21
(iv)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) not found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	29

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 62

3. Action under Statutory Powers dueing the year:-

A. Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs -

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices

(a) by Owners -

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners -

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied -

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices

(a) by Owners -

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners -

C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957:-

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 11

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure 21

(iii) Number of Undertakings accepted under Section 16 -

(iv) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 8

General - Housing

Eleven Demolition Orders were made during the year. Twenty-one sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of formal and informal action.

Discretionary Grants

Applications were approved during the year for 13 houses.

Work was completed at 13 houses and grants totalling £4,729 were certified for payment.

Standard Grants

Forty-four applications were approved during the year. Certificates for payment of grants totalling £3,877 were issued in respect of 26 houses.

Rent Act 1957

Two applications for a Certificate of Disrepair were received during the year. Certificates were issued in each case.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Camping Club of Great Britain continued to maintain their holiday site at Romsley in a satisfactory manner.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk

As the District was in a "specified area' all milk sold to the public had to be under one of the authorised Special Designations and consequently no samples of non designated milk were taken. It will be appreciated that a large percentage of the milk retailed in the District was bottled in other Authorities' areas where it was regularly sampled.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

There are five licensed slaughterhouses in the District. All animals were inspected and this entailed some extra work at weekends and in evenings.

Following is a summary of the inspections and condemnations which took place:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs and Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	523	3	143	2,601	466
Number inspected	523	3	143	2,601	466
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	2	58	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	18	-	2	21	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	3.44%	-	2.79%	3.03%	.21%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.21%

Routine visits were made to food shops, cafes and public houses for the inspection of premises and examination of food stuffs and, in the main, conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

During the year 60 samples of various foodstuffs, including cooked meats, pies, sausages etc. were taken from premises within the district and submitted for examination. In no case was the organism of salmonella or dysentery found.

The following is a summary of foodstuffs of various kinds which were condemned as unfit for human consumption at retail food premises during the year:-

149 Tins of Fruit, Vegetables, Milk, Meat. etc.
12 Jars Preserves
4 Bottles Sauces and Salad Cream
1 Packet Grape Nuts

(c) Ice Cream

The total number of registrations in force for premises for the manufacture of ice cream was two and for the retail sale only 128.

Seventy-nine samples were submitted during the year for bacteriological examination and the results of the samples were as follows:

Provisional Grade	1	57	Satisfactory
	2	18	Satisfactory
	3	3	Unsatisfactory
	4	1	Unsatisfactory

The unsatisfactory samples were followed up and satisfactory results obtained.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

Eighteen licences to slaughter animals were issued under the above Act during the year.

HOUSE DRAINAGE

Three existing houses were connected to sewers and 13 were drained to cesspools.

Also 442 new houses were connected to sewers and 18 to cesspools.

The question of providing sewers to various parts of the District and improving disposal works where necessary was considered by the Council during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

MAINS

Four samples of mains water were submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination and were satisfactory. Two samples submitted for bacteriological examination only were also satisfactory, as also was one sample submitted for chemical examination only.

PRIVATE WELLS AND SPRINGS

Eight samples of water from private wells and springs were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination; of these 5 were chemically satisfactory and 1 bacteriologically satisfactory; 3 were chemically unsatisfactory and 7 bacteriologically unsatisfactory.

Forty-five samples were taken for bacteriological examination only of which 9 were satisfactory and 36 unsatisfactory.

Twenty-eight existing premises were connected to the water main in 1965.

NEW MAINS LAID

A total of 9,557 yards of new mains were laid by the various Water Undertakings within the District during the year. Apart from schemes to serve the Hob Hill and Chapel Lane areas of Beoley and the Nutnalls, Belbroughton, these extensions were principally to supply new development in various parishes.

There is still the need to provide main water to the considerable number of houses in the District in urgent need of piped water supply.

DISINFESTATION

No house was found to be in need of disinfestation.

All the Council refuse tips were periodically treated for flies and crickets where necessary by the Surveyor's Department.

RODENT CONTROL

A full time Rodent Operative is employed. A total of 237 infestations of private houses, 108 business premises and 95 agricultural premises were successfully treated.

During the year the Council continued to provide a free service for the destruction of rats at private dwellings but in the case of business premises a charge was made as previously.

The service was fully used and in addition 885 visits were made for survey pruposes by the Operative.

Fifty-three contracts were made for the treatment of business and agricultural premises during the year and the income from this source amounted to £294.10.0d.

Due to the co-operation of the public, possibly because of free service, 146 infestations were notified. These were in early stages and were thus only of a minor nature but it seems essential to continue the service to prevent any large-scale build-up.

OFFICES, SHOPS, & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

At the end of 1965, the number of premises registered was as follows:-

Offices	24
Retail Shops	88
Catering Establishments	32

I would point out that many of the shops in this District are family businesses, not employing staff, and therefore not subject to registration under the Act.

Offices at factories subject to the Factories Act are registered with H.M. Inspector of Factories and not the Council.

Four accidents to employees were notified during the year, but in no case did it appear due to any breach of the Act

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1949

No case occurred during the course of the year where it was necessary to make arrangements for the burial, under the provisions of the above Act, of a person dying within the District.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIAL ACT 1951

The premises of one firm are registered for the use of filling material to which this Act applies.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The number of industrial premises is not large and as a result air pollution from factory chimneys did not present a problem.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	89	66	-	-
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	17	6	-	-
TOTAL	109	72	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS (1)	No. of Cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
			Referred		
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature. (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Inneffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	5	-	5	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	5	-	5	-